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S. 1180

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in the State of North Carolina as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16, 2001

Mr. EDWARDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “International Civil
5 Rights Center and Museum Study Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) on February 1, 1960, 4 black North Caro-
2 lina A&T State University students, Ezell Blair, Jr.,
3 Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, and David Rich-
4 mond, sat at the whites-only lunch counter of a
5 Woolworth store in Greensboro, North Carolina, to
6 protest segregation;

7 (2) in the following days hundreds of students
8 joined the protest and participated in the Woolworth
9 sit-in;

10 (3) the Woolworth sit-in inspired similar sit-ins
11 in hundreds of communities throughout the United
12 States and was instrumental in leading to the deseg-
13 regation of public facilities in the South;

14 (4) the Woolworth sit-in was a prominent event
15 in the history of the civil rights movement;

16 (5) Woolworth closed the lunch counter in the
17 Greensboro, North Carolina, store in October 1993
18 and donated a section of the counter, 4 stools, and
19 other items to the Smithsonian Institution for dis-
20 play at the National Museum of American History;

21 (6) the former Woolworth store is located in a
22 district listed on the National Register of Historic
23 Places; and

24 (7) community leaders and businesses in
25 Greensboro, North Carolina, have undertaken sig-

1 nificant efforts to preserve the historic site of the
2 sit-in and convert the former Woolworth store into
3 a museum devoted to the history of the civil rights
4 movement.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act—

7 (1) MUSEUM.—The term “Museum” means the
8 International Civil Rights Center and Museum lo-
9 cated in Greensboro, North Carolina.

10 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
12 rector of the National Park Service.

13 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
14 of North Carolina.

15 **SEC. 4. FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, in consulta-
17 tion with the Governor of the State, carry out a study on
18 the suitability and feasibility of designating the Museum
19 as a unit of the National Park System.

20 (b) APPLICABLE LAW.—Section 8(c) of Public Law
21 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)) shall apply to the conduct
22 and completion of the study under subsection (a).

23 (c) REPORT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall submit
25 to the Committee on Resources of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
2 ural Resources of the Senate a report describing the
3 results of the study.

4 (2) CONTENTS.—In addition to the findings re-
5 quired by section 8(c) of Public Law 91–383 (16
6 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)), the report shall contain findings
7 on—

8 (A) the types of Federal, State, and local
9 programs that are available to assist with the
10 development of the Museum; and

11 (B) the potential use of, and coordination
12 with, Federal, State, and local programs to as-
13 sist in the management of the historical and
14 cultural resources of the Museum.

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